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SUBJECT: FY-75 IV PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES FOR 30-DAY IV GRANT ELOY E. PORRAS, AGE 44, ECONOMIC EDITOR OF IMPORTANT CARACAS DAILY EL NACIONAL AND PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM AT COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL OF UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA "ANDRES BELLO", CARACAS. CONSIDERED AMONG THE MOST ACTIVE VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC REPORTER WITH INCREASING IMPORTANCE THIS FIELD, PORRAS' WORK FOR EL NACIONAL INCLUDES EXTENSIVE FIELD WORK AND RESEARCH. ALTHOUGH HE HAS MADE PRIOR VISITS TO THE U.S.(NAA NORTHBOUND SEMINAR 1964 AND SEVERAL SHORT TRIPS) POST CONSIDERS IMPORTANT AT THIS JUNCTURE IN U.S.-VENEZUELAN RELATIONS THAT CANDIDATE BE GIVEN FRESH OPPORTUNITY TO UP-DATE AND OBTAIN FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS OF U.S. POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL SCENE. WE BELIEVE AN IN-DEPTH EXPOSURE TO ABOVE SEGMENTS IN U.S. SOCIETY, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL, WILL BE MOST BENEFICIAL.

2. PORRAS PLANS ATTEND INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, HATTIESBURG, BEGINNING MARCH 17. WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING APRIL 19-MAY 18 SINCE HE SHOULD BE IN MIAMI MAY 19 FOR ONE-WEEK COURSE AT THE MIAMI HERALD ON NEW PRINTING TECHNIQUES. APPRECIATE CABLED APPROVAL PORRAS NOMINATION FOR ISSUANCE INVITATION AND GRANT PRIOR MARCH 17 DEPARTURE DATE.

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3. CLEARANCE RECEIVED. FULL BIODATA AND DETAILED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOLLOW. ALTHOUGH PORRAS TAKING INTENSIVE ENGLISH, POST RECOMMENDES ASSIGNMENT ESCORT-INTERPRETER.

4. SINCE SANOJA TRAVEL PLANS REMAIN INDEFINITE, SUGGEST USE THIS GRANT FOR PORRAS.
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